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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PO US

SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENTIAL AIDE

DEPT PLEASE PASS SECRET SERVICE

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1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, PRESIDENTIAL AIDE LCDR. SERAFIM SILVEIRA PINHEIRO MADE SEVERAL POINTS ON WHICH HE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BEFOREHAND. PINHEIRO IS EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY COSTA GOMES ON HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, AND TO SOME EXTENT WE BELIEVE HIS THOUGHTS ARE SHARED BY COSTA GOMES.

2. SEPT 28 -- PINHEIRO SAID THAT THE SEPT 28 CHANGE WAS NOT A TURN TO THE LEFT. COSTA GOMES AND THE PRIME MINISTER WORK WELL TOGETHER AND HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING. SELECTION OF COSTA GOMES AS PRESIDENT SHOULD END INACTION CAUSED BY CONSTANT BICKERING BETWEEN SPINOLA AND ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM) COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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3. ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT -- ON AFM'S POLITICAL VIEWS,

PINHEIRO SAID THAT AFM WANTS TO BRING DEMOCRACY TO PORTUGAL, BUT HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT PLURALIST DEMOCRACY IN AFM VIEW WOULD HAVE DEFINITE LIMITS -- EXCLUDING, FOR EXAMPLE, THE MRPP AND THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. PINHEIRO BELIEVES THAT ANYTHING TO THE RIGHT OF THE PPD IS DANGEROUS AND WORTHY OF SUSPICION. THE AFM, EVEN AFTER ELECTIONS, WOULD REMAIN THE ARBITERS OF THE TRUE INTERESTS OF THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE.

4. ELECTION -- ON ELECTIONS, PINHEIRO SAID THAT DUE TO TECHNICAL REASONS AND THE FACT THAT THE CENSUS HAD NOT EVEN BEEN STARTED THE ELECTIONS COULD NOT BE HELD IN MARCH.

5. COMIBERLANT UPGRADE -- PINHEIRO SUGGESTED THAT COMIBERLANT BE UPGRADED TO A FULL COMMAND. HE SAID THIS ACTION WOULD HAVE A TREMENDOUS EFFECT AMONG THOSE IN THE MILITARY WHO SEEK POSITIVE SIGNS OF SUPPORT FOR PORTUGAL, AND WOULD STRENGTHEN THE NATO CONNECTION.

6. AMBASSADOR'S CALL -- PINHEIRO NOTED THAT IT WAS VERY SIGNIFICANT THAT COSTA GOMES HAD SEEN ONLY US AMBASSADOR SO FAR. HE SAID THAT AFM COORDINATING COMMITTEE WAS PLEASED WHEN THEY HEARD THAT US AMBASSADOR WAS SEEING COSTA GOMES.

7. USSR CULTURAL OFFENSIVE -- PINHEIRO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE MAKING A MAJOR CULTURAL EFFORT HERE WITH THEIR ORCHESTRAS, ATHLETES, DANCE TEAMS AND OTHER CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS. HE NOTED TOTAL ABSENCE OF ANYTHING SIMILAR FROM US, AND SAID THAT IF, FOR EXAMPLE, A US ORCHESTRA CAME, PEOPLE WOULD LINE UP FOR BLOCKS TO BUY TICKETS.

8. FOR SECRET SERVICE -- PINHEIRO SAID THAT NUMBER ONE FEAR OF THOSE SURROUNDING COSTA GOMES IS ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT BY EXTREME RIGHT. EMBOFF NOTED THAT NORMAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN PORTUGAL IMPRESSED AMERICANS AS EXTREMELY LAX.  
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